

**Minutes of the
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
(RICWMA)**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Rock Island County Conference Room, Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Bartels, Village of Coal Valley
Michelle Bergeson, Village of Hampton
Barb Cray, Village of Port Byron
Nick Camlin, Rock Island County (Ex Officio)
Steve Gibson, Village of Milan

Jim Graham, Village of East Moline
Nick Gottwalt, Village of Carbon Cliff
Jim Nelson, Rock Island County
Tom Schillinger, City of Moline

MEMBERS ABSENT

Luke VanLandegen, City of Rock Island
James Boone, Village of Cordova
Doug Greer, City of Silvis

Missy Housenga, Village of Rapids City
Andrew Pittard, Village of Andalusia

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Bambas, RICWMA/BSRC
Danny Bradley, Rural Township
Ryan Croegaert, Scott Co Waste Commission
Amy Kay, City of Davenport

Gena McCullough, RICWMA/BSRC
James Mountain, Village Trustee of Coal Valley
Mike Weikert, Weikert Recycling

1. Introductions and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Bergeson who conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.
2. Comments from the Public. Mr. Mountain, Village of Coal Valley Trustee, presented to the board the opportunity to apply for technical assistance through the U.S. Department of Energy to support local education and discussion about waste to energy opportunities and options in the county. Mr. Mountain has found that IL EPA reported 400,000 tons of trash is going into our landfills per year. He proposed to the Board that a waste to energy facility paired with a landfill in Rock Island County could benefit residential property taxes. Board members commented on how tipping fees are collected in Rock Island County, as well as the methane capture activity at the Scott County Landfill via the Waste Commission of Scott County. The consensus from the Board was to defer this topic to another meeting and have staff investigate the status of waste-to-energy at the two landfills, and invite them to be a part of the conversation. Mr. Mountain thanked the Board for their time.
3. Approval of Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Rock Island County Waste Management Agency Meeting. Ms. Bergeson directed the Board to review the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting, and Mr. Gottwalt seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.
4. Financial Reports. (Status of income/expenses and approval of bills for payment.) Ms. McCullough presented the May 19, 2026 Accounts Payable Statement in the amount of \$55,412.63. The reported bills included April 2026 fiscal charges from: Bi-State Regional Commission, charges from Blackhawk State Bank, Electronic Demanufacturing Facility for April 2026 charges, Keep Scott County Beautiful FY26 donation, Lee Advertising/QC Times for Recycle Coach Facebook Ad, Midwest Mailworks QC – EDDM Spring Postcard,

Scott Area Household Hazardous Waste Facility for April 2026 charges, Scott Area Landfill for local government tires, and Weikert Recycling pick-ups. Ms. McCullough mentioned that the Keep Scott County Beautiful FY25 donation was donated earlier in the fiscal year and that is why there is a 200% expanded for that line item in the budget. Ms. Bergeson called for a motion to approve the May 19, 2026 accounts payable. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to approve the bills, and Mr. Gibson seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. McCullough then presented income and expenses through April 30, 2026, as RICWMA is 83% through its fiscal year. Ms. McCullough mentioned income was \$708,616.97, which included interest and receipts. Total expenses were \$469,730.46, which is comprised of administrative expenses including training and travel, office supplies, professional services, communication subscriptions, personnel, and Rock Island County cost allocation for a sub-total of \$59,178.54. Public Education and Information included \$40,531.68 spent out of the Illinois EPA Solid Waste Planning Grant and the Public Education and Information. RICWMA expenses included white goods/tire collection, member government tire disposal, household hazardous waste, SWAG grant program, e-waste disposal program, and the HHW collections event for a sub-total of \$370,020.24.

Ms. Bergeson asked for any comments, questions, or a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Gottwalt motioned to accept the financial report and place it on file. Mr. Gibson seconded, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board. The receipts and disbursements through April 30, 2026 were provided to board members as follows:

Ms. McCullough presented the proposed FY27 budget. This draft proposes FY27 revenue will be \$733,181, with estimated expenses of \$544,562, and a net carry over of approximately \$188,619. The final carryover for FY26 will be less than what was approved and will have to be amended at the June meeting. The draft FY27 budget contains a 11% increase in Solid Waste Fees, Ms. McCullough explained that the solid waste fees are currently under what was projected for this year. Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste fees also saw increases of 2.70% and 2.28% respectively. Member Government Tire Disposal saw an increase of 30.68% increase due to the final cost being more than what was budgeted. Ms. McCullough explained to the group that the current SWAG Grant Program is \$1.00 per capita and asked the board if they would be interested in decreasing this amount to \$00.75 per capita in order to cover the lower solid waste fee funds. There was discussion about the SWAG Grant funds and the board consensually decided to have it remain \$1.00 per capita. Ms. McCullough then highlighted the \$2,000 spent for Xstream CleanUp in FY26 and noted that this amount is 200% more than the approved budget due to the FY25 donation taking place in FY26 as well. Ms. McCullough noted the budget will be considered at the June meeting for approval and comments will be accepted.

5. April 2026 Agency Program Reports. Ms. Bambas reviewed the April 2026 program report for the Board as follows:

Residential White Goods and Used Tires Collection Program: There were 481 used tires and 154 units of white goods collected, and 13 no-shows.

Electronic Waste Collection Program: Scott County's Electronics Recovery Center collected e-waste from 523 Rock Island County residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program: There were 235 Rock Island County residents who disposed of HHW items at Scott County's HHM facility.

RICWMA Member Government Tire Disposal Program: Local communities of Rock Island County disposed of 2.67 tons of tires at the Waste Commission of Scott County landfill location.

RICWMA Website Statistics: Unique visitors to the RICWMA website were 2,179, and page views were 1,269.

RICWMA Facebook Statistics: The RICWMA Facebook page had 132,852 views and 283 followers.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bergeson then opened up election of a new Chair and Vice Chair. As mentioned at the April meeting, current chair Mr. Vyncke is stepping down from public service. Ms. Oakes had expressed interest in the role as chair and informed RICWMA staff that she would like to nominate Ms. Bergeson to be Vice Chair. Ms. Bergeson informed the board of this. Mr. Gottwalt made a motion to nominate Ms. Oakes on as Chair and Ms. Bergeson as Vice Chair. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion, and the motion carried by consensus of the Board.

Ms. Kay then presented on backyard composting. The presentation highlighted environmental impacts of food waste and how food waste is related to emission impacts. A national study from 2022 found that about 20.2% of food waste is compostable, 21.6% is recyclable, 28.9% is potentially recoverable, and 29.3% is not divertible. Ms. Kay then highlighted some key components from the 2022 Iowa Statewide Material Characterization Study. Overall Statewide Material Composition, organics made up 21.6%. Organics made up 22.6% of residential composition. Data from 1998 to 2022 shows that food waste is growing as one of the top material components. Composting is a recommendation to decrease food waste and has many environmental impacts. Ms. Kay shared resources that residents can use when learning about composting and how to compost. The slides will be sent to the board members after the meeting.

Ms. Bambas and Ms. McCullough then followed up on the Recycle Coach onboarding. Liz Kunkle, the Recycle Coach consultant, has contacted Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline to start the onboarding process and will make her way down the list to the other communities. Ms. Bambas then informed the board the Recycle Coach postcard and Facebook ads have been successful so far. There are 90 Recycle Coach app users and over 100 web users.

7. Staff Activities. Ms. Bambas mentioned the new PaintCare location at Trevor Ace Hardware located at 2842 16th St in Moline. Residents can bring their latex and oil-based paints to this location.

Ms. Bambas also mentioned Senate Bill 2852 (SB2852) to the board. This is the Food Recovery and diversion in Illinois bill. The bill includes key items like providing an exception for commingling of certain food waste with landscape waste, adds to the requirements for county waste management plan recycling programs, requires certain state agencies and units of local government to purchase and use compost and digestate with certain requirements, and establishes a food diversion grant program.

8. Adjournment. Having no further business to conduct at this time, Ms. Bergeson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bartels so moved, and Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried by consensus of the Board, and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.